Attacks on SC/ST and Dalit communities

1211. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seized of the increasing incidents involving attacks on SC/ST and Dalit communities in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether any action plan is being formulated to identify sensitive areas/pockets in each State where Dalits/SC/ST are prone to such attacks and to provide adequate protection to them; and

(c) whether Government would also undertake to educate SC/ST/Dalit communities on the Fundamental Rights/Human Rights to enable them to take up matters with the law-enforcing authorities and National Human Rights Commission in case of rights violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines for the nominations

1212. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria/guidelines followed by Government in the matter of nominations for award of bravery/exemplary conduct honours on police/ para-military personnel conferred by the President of India;

(b) how many such police personnel from Karnataka have been awarded such honours in the current year; and

(c) whether Government would consider nominating community leaders/ youth leaders etc., for exemplary conduct in the field of law enforcement, human rights activism etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service/Police Medal for Meritorious Service and Gallantry Medals to police personnel are awarded in accordance with the Statute and the Rules framed thereunder. The criteria/guidelines *inter-alia*, include acts of conspicuous gallantry/exceptional courage and skill, conspicuous devotion to duty, special distinguished record, valuable services characterised by resource and devotion to duty including prolonged service or ability and merit etc. etc.

(b) In the current year, 14 Police Personnel of Karnataka were awarded the President Police medal for Distinguished Service/Police Medal for Meritorious Service. No police personnel from Karnataka has been awarded any of the Gallantry Medals during the current year so far.

(c) No, Sir. Police Medals and decorations are awarded to police personnel only.

Pakistanis overstaying in India

1213. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned, "Over 11000 Pakistanis overstaying in India", appearing in the HT dated 28.12.2000;

(b) whether till July, 2000 about 11300 Pakistani nationals had not left India and 60 per cent of overstaying cases belong to Delhi, Rajasthan, U.P. and Haryana;

(c) whether Government have no data about the number of people who must have sneaked into India;

(d) if so, the steps are being taken to check their menace; and

(e) the details of steps taken to stop their subversive activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per available information, as on 31.10.2000, a total of 12505 Pak nationals were reported to have not returned after their authorised stay. Out of these, 9302 have reportedly overstayed and 3203 are reported untraced. Most of the overstaying/untraced Pak nationals are in the States of Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been entrusted the powers of detection and deportation of foreign nationals who have entered the country unauthorisedly. Central Government is in constant dialogue with the State Governments / Union Territory Adminstrations on this subject.